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SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE: WALDHEIM, MACHEL AND ETEKI GIVE
OPENING SPEECHES

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1. SUMMARY: MAPUTO CONFERENCE OPENED THIS MORNING WITH SPEECHES
BY UN SYG KURT WALDHEIM, MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND
OAU SYG WILLIAM ETEKI. WALDHEIM PRAISED LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES
ATTENDING CONFERENCE AND SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY FACT THAT
THERE IS UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR RESOLUTE AND FIRM
ACTION TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. MACHEL GAVE RATHER

MILD SPEECH. ALTHOUGH HE CRITICIZED WEST FOR PUTTING TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON "MINORITY RIGHTS" AND IN ENGAGING IN MANEUVERS DESIGNED TO FRUSTRATE INDEPENDENCE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "NEGOTIATIONS HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY" AND HAVE YIELDED SOME RESULTS AND THAT WESTERN INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA "WILL CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT." ETEKI DELIVERED MILITANT SPEECH ENDORSING THE ARMED STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. OPENING UN CONFERENCE WALDHEIM LIMITED REMARKS TO GENERAL STATEMENTS, NOTING PRUPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO REVIEW PRESENT SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND TO FORMULATE PROGRAM OF ACTION LEADING TO COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLES OF THESE LANDS. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT LARGE TURNOUT (OVER 80 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED.)

3. MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL SPEECH WAS MAIN FEATURE OF MORNING SESSION MAY 16. AFTER DEFINING COLONIALISM AND DENOUNCING RACISTS AND COLONIALISTS, MACHEL NOTED THAT COLONIALISM CAN BE DEFEATED IN TWO WAYS - MILITARILY OR NEGOTIATED SOLUTION GIVING FULL INDEPENDENCE. MACHEL NOTED "SOME POSITIVE STEPS" HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON NEGOTIATIONS BUT OBSTACLES REMAIN. HE DENOUNCED AT LENGTH CONCERN OVER "MINORITY RIGHTS." HE STATED SETTLERS WERE NOT A NATIONAL MINORITY, AND EITHER SHOULD BE INTEGRATED AS FULL CITIZENS IN THE NEW STATE OR LEAVE. THIS OCCURRED IN ALL OTHER EX-COLONIES. A PRIVILEGED MINORITY, HE NOTED, SOWED SEEDS OF POLITICAL CONFLICT AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

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4. NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE BETWEEN THE COLONIAL POWER AND THE POPULAR FORCES. IN ZIMBABWE, THIS PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN VIOLATED LEADING TO THE FRUSTRATION OF EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS. IN NAMIBIA ALSO, A PRIVILEVDGED WHITE GROUP IS IMPEDING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE COLONIAL POWERS. MACHEL CONDEMNED MANEUVERS WHICH FRUSTRATE INDEPENDENCE IN BOTH TERRITORIES -- VIOLATIONS OF SANCTIONS, SUPPLYING OF MERCENARIES, SUPPLYING OF ARMS AND EVEN NUCLEAR POTENTIAL. (HE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO WESTERN NATIONS, INCLUDING SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS IN THIS CONTEXT.)

5. ON NAMIBIA, MACHEL STATED THAT WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE "WILL CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT" IF IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF UN RESOLUTION 385. IF, HOWEVER, IT IS AIMED AT SAFEGUARDING INTERESTS ALIEN TO PEOPLE, DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, PRESERVATION OF SETTLER PRIVILEGES OR HANDING OVER TO PUPPETS IT WILL SERVE ONLY TO USELESSLY PROLONG THE CONFLICT. MACHEL FIRMLY STATED THAT WALVUS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND ANY ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN

ENCLAVE OR INCLUDE THIS IN NEGOTIATIONS IS AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THEM.

6. ON ZIMBABWE, MACHEL STATED THAT CURRENT UK INITIATIVE CAN BE "A POSITIVE FACTOR" INsofar AS THE OBJECTIVE IS THE COMPLETE, UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE. THE INITIATIVE WILL FAIL IF IT SEEKS TO LEGALIZE COLONIALISM, IF THERE IS NO TOTAL TRANSFER OF POWER BUT ONLY SOME FORM OF POWER-HARING BETWEEN RACISTS AND BLACK PUPPETS, OR IF IT CONCENTRATES ON PRESERVING MINORITY RIGHTS. MACHEL DESCRIBED PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ZIMBABWE AS EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IN STRUGGEL FOR INDEPENDENCE. MACHEL CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT PEACE IN ZIMBABWE IS POSSIBLE ONCE AGREEMENT ON THE MECHANISM TO ATTAIN INDEPENDENCE IS REACHED. HE STRESSED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD DEVISE MEANS: TO ISOLATE THE RACIST SMITH REGIME, TO TAKE MEASURES AGAINST ECONOMIC COLLABORATION WITH THE RACISTS, AND TO REINFORCE THE ECONOMIES OF THE FRONT LINE STATES.

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7. OAU SEC GEN ETEKI FOLLOWED WITH MILITANT SPEECH IN FAVOR OF ARMED STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, HE CRITICIZED "EUROPE AND AMERICA" FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPLY TECHNOLOGY TO MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN ZIMBABWE HE CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY RULE. HE NOTED THAT PREVIOUS UK INITIATIVES FAILED AND PRESENT US-UK INITIATIVE WOULD FAIL IF DESIGNED TO CREATE IN ZIMBABWE INSTITUTIONS FAVORABLE TO THEM. IRREGARDLESS OF CURRENT INITIATIVE THE CONFERENCE SHOULD FULLY SUPPORT MEANS FOR ADVANCING THE ARMED STRUGGLE. ON NAMIBIA ETEKI DENOUNCED THE TURNHALLE GROUP AS PUPPETS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AND NOTED THAT SWAPO WAS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. ETEKI STATED HE "PAID TRIBUTE" TO THE WEO'S INITIATIVE WITH VORSTER, BUT SAID IT WAS UP TO SWAPO TO "ANALYSE THE SCOPE OF THE INITIATIVE." ONCE AGAIN, HE ADDED, THIS INITIATIVE SHOULD NOT INHIBIT THE CONFERENCE'S ACTIVITIES. ETEKI CALLED FOR CHAPTER 7 MEASURES OF UN CHARTER BE TAKEN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS "ARROGANT CHALLENGE" TO THE UN IN NAMIBIA.

8. COMMENT: MACHEL'S SPEECH WAS UNEMOTIONAL AND, FOR HIM, MODERATE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED ROLE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND ONLY MILDLY SUPPORTED PATRIOTIC FRONT. WHILE CAUTIOUS ON CURRENT ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA INITIATIVES, HE DID NOT ACTIVELY ATTACK THEM
ETEKI'S SPEECH WAS MORE EMOTIONAL BUT HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED ROLE OF CURRENT INITIATIVES.
WE SUSPECT SOME EFFORT BEING MADE TO MODERATE LANGUAGE.
GOOD SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT BOTH KAMANA'S AND SALIM'S SPEECHES (YET TO BE GIVEN) WERE CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE TO

MODERATE THEM FURTHER. SALIM, ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE
AT THE WHOLE, MAY BE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS
POSSIBLE MODERATING ATTEMPT.
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